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SUBJ: 29TH UNGA: SECOND COMMITTEE-OPERATIONAL
ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT (ITEM 45)

SUMMARY: STATEMENTS IN CONTINUING DEBATE MADE BY
THE REPS OF SRI LANKA, IRAQ, TUNISIA, ITALY, ROMANIA,
PHILIPPINES, BRAZIL, ISRAEL, INDONESIA, BULGARIA,
ALGERIA, PAKISTAN, MALAYSIA. CHILE AND BULGARIA SPOKE
ON RIGHT OF REPLY. END SUMMARY.

1. SRI LANKDA, COMMENDED THE WORK OF UNFPA AND CALLED
ON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO STRENGTHEN ITS ROLE,
PARTICULARLY IN THE COUNTRIES MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED
BY THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS AND MAKE NO INSTITUTIONAL
CHANGES IN UN POPULATION ACTIVITIES UNTIL RESULTS
SCHEDULED REGIONAL MEETING FOLLOWING ON WPC
WERE FIRST KNOWN.

2. IRAQ. RECOMMENDED THAT REPORT OF WORKING GROUP
TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BE
ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY THIS
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SESSION TO "FORM A SOLID BASE FOR FURTHER ACTION

IN THIS FIELD." CALLED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF BUREAU OF ARAB STATES AT UNDP HEADQUARTERS, SAYING TIME HAD COME "TO PUT AN END TO THE OUTDATED ANOMALY OF THE BUREAU ON EUROPE, MEDITERRANEAN AND MIDDLE EAST, COMPRISING REGIONS THAT ARE DIFFERENT FROM EACH OTHER IN TIME AND PLACE." ALSO NOTED IRAQ'S DECISION INCREASE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO UNDP TO \$500,000 AND ITS CONTRIBUTION TO UNICEF BY 20 PERCENT. EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S "VEHEMENT OPPOSITION" TO ALLOCATION OF ANY UNDP ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL.

3. TUNISIA. REGRETTED FACT DIFFICULTIES COUNTRIES OF MAGHREB REGION WERE STILL BEING IGNORED AND THAT THEIR INDICATIVE PLANNING FIGURES (IPF) HAD BEEN DETERMINED MAINLY ON THE BASIS OF THE FUNDAMENTAL CRITERIA OF POPULATION AND GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCTS. URGED UNFPA BE PROVIDED WITH ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MEANS TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF WPC.

4. ITALY. COMMENDED THE INSTITUTION OF UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMES; WELCOMED FURTHER DECENTRALIZATION; UNDP STRENGTHENING ITS EFFORTS INCREASE AID TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES; AND HOPED FINAL DECISION ON CRITERIA FOR ESTABLISHING REGIONAL IPF'S WOULD SOON BE REACHED. COMMENTING ON UNFPA, SAID POPULATION PROBLEMS WERE CLOSELY CONNECTED TO ALL OTHER PROBLEMS, INCLUDING ECONOMIC AND ITALY WOULD FURTHER CONTRIBUTE TO THIS FUND.

5. ROMANIA. SAID EACH STATE SHOULD HAVE LATITUDE DECIDE APPROPRIATE TIME BECOME NET CONTRIBUTOR TO UNDP, AND THE NEW STATUTE OF UNDP, NOW BEING DRAFTED, SHOULD STIPULATE THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES EXISTED IN ALL GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS, INCLUDING EUROPE. WELCOMED UNDP'S ASSOCIATION WITH ENERGY PROJECTS AND ADVOCATED THE ELABORATION OF A REGIONAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME IN THAT FIELD.

6. PHILIPPINES. READ MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT OF UNDP
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GOVERNING COUNCIL, TO CONVEY CONDOLENCES TO FAMILY OF HOFFMAN, FORMER ADMINISTRATOR, WHO HAD WORKED FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM OF ALL MANKIND. COMMENTING ON UNDP'S ENDEAVOR PROMOTE COOPERATION IN REGIONAL PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS, SAID SUCH EFFORTS WOULD BE GREATLY ENHANCED BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL UNDP HEADQUARTERS IN THE FIELD AND PROPOSED MANILA AS SITE UNDP REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS

FOR ASIA AND PACIFIC. REGARDING UNFPA SAID IMPLICIT RECOGNITION BY THE WPC OF NEED FOR COUNTRY APPROACH WHICH RESPECTED DIFFERENCES IN CONDITIONS AND OBJECTIVES FULLY IN KEEPING WITH UNFPA POLICIES. WELCOMED UNICEF'S INVOLVEMENT IN WFC SAYING THIS COULD HELP FOCUS ATTENTION ON THE IMPORTANCE OF MEETING THE NUTRITIONAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN. INTRODUCED A DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD ENDORSE THE DECISION OF UNICEF'S EXECUTIVE BOARD ENTITLED "DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY FOR CHILDREN IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS RESULT OF CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS" AND WHICH WOULD APPEAL TO ALL GOVERNMENTS TO INCREASE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND.

7. BRAZIL. SAID DESPITE SLIGHT IMPROVEMENTS BY RESULTS LAST UNDP PLEDGING CONFERENCE LEVEL OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES FOR COUNTRY AND INTER-COUNTRY PROGRAMMES REMAINED HIGHLY UNSATISFACTORY. SAID WOULD BE WRONG EITHER TO ESTABLISH CEILINGS FOR ASSISTANCE OR TO ARBITRARILY DETERMINE A SCALE OF DIMINISHING ALLOCATIONS UNDER THE SOLE CRITERION OF LEVELS OF PER CAPITA INCOME.

8. TURNING TO POPULATION QUESTIONS, SUGGESTED THAT, IN LIGHT RESULTS OF THE BUCHAREST CONFERENCE, INTER COUNTRY POPULATION ESTIMATES SHOULD BE ELIMINATED OR AT LEAST LIMITED TO NON-CONTROVERSIAL QUESTIONS, SUCH AS THE GATHERING OF STATISTICS. ADDED THAT POLICIES FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF POPULATION, MUST BE DEFINED AT THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL LEVEL--NAMELY, THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL.

9. ISRAEL. SAID DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD EXPAND
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TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG THEMSELVES. THIS TECHNICAL COOPERATION SHOULD NOT DEPEND SOLELY ON GEOGRAPHICAL VICINTY, BUT ALSO ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL AFFINITY. SAID ISRAEL HAD MUCH EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE IN AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT, DEVELOPMENT OF ARID AND SEMI-ARID ZONES, WATER RESOURCES, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL MATERIALS FOR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION THAT LDC'S HAD AND SHOULD INCREASINGLY DRAW UPON.

10. INDONESIA. COMMENDED DECISIONS TAKEN THIS YEAR BY THE UNDP ON IPFS AND ON CRITERIA; AND WELCOMED EFFORTS AT DECENTRALIZATION BEING MADE BY UNDP. EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT FOR UNFPA AND SUPPORT FOR UNICEF'S PROPOSALS FOR NON-FORMAL EDUCATION,

11. BULGARIA. NOTED WITH PLEASURE THAT UNDP PAID ATTENTION TO THE SOCIAL COMPONENTS OF DEVELOPMENT, THAT IT PROVIDED MORE ASSISTANCE TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND THAT IT HAD ENDEAVORED TO REDUCE ITS ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. SAID UNDP ASSISTANCE SHOULD NOT BE EXTENDED TO CHILE.

12. ALGERIA. EXPRESSED REGRET MAIN EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON THE FACTORS OF PER CAPITA INCOME AND POPULATION IN DETERMINING THE CRITERIA ON WHICH IPF'S WERE BASED, WHILE EQUAL ATTENTION NOT GIVEN TO FACTORS OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. WELCOMED FUND ESTABLISHED TO ASSIST LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, SAID AID SHOULD NOT BE CONFINED TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY THE OAU BUT SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO OTHER LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, PRIMARILY THOSE RECOGNIZED BY THE ARAB LEAGUE. SUPPORTED RECOMMENDATIONS OF WORKING GROUP ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND SHARED THEIR VIEW THAT PRIORITY SHOULD BE GRANTED PROJECTS FAVOURING COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

13. PAKISTAN. EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT AN ENLIGHTENED RESPONSE FROM THE RICH COULD SAVE THE FRAGILE ECONOMIES OF THE POOR COUNTRIES FROM STAGNATION AND
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RETROGRESSION AND STRESSED THE ADVANTAGES OF RELEASING AN ADEQUATE FLOW OF RESOURCES TO ALL MULTILATERAL AGENCIES AND RECYCLING SUPPLUS FUNDS THROUGH BILATERAL AND REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. SAID NO UN POPULATION SECTOR ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE PRIOR TO IN DEPTH DISCUSSION THIS MATTER AT SPRING 1975 ECOSOC MEETING

14. MALAYSIA. HOPED UNDP REGIONAL BUREAU FOR ASIA WOULD BE ABLE TO MEASURE UP TO WHAT WAS EXPECTED OF IT, ESPECIALLY AS ASIA WOULD BE GETTING A HIGHER ALLOCATION FOR PROJECTS. COMMENTING ON THE "PIVOTAL" ROLE OF THE UNFPA, SAID FUND SHOULD NOT BE TIMID BUT SHOULD INCREASE ITS AID IN THE FIELD OF FAMILY PLANNING TO REQUESTING COUNTRIES.
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